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SUBJECT: EMBASSY MUSCAT EAC - 06/29/2005

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Summary

1. (SBU) The Ambassador chaired a meeting of the Emergency Action Committee (EAC) on June 29 to review the Embassy's security posture prior to the local holiday weekend. Members noted no substantive changes in the local security environment since the last meeting. Accordingly, the EAC agreed that the Embassy's already heightened security posture and force protection condition (FPCON) remain appropriate. End Summary.

Security Environment

2. (SBU) On June 29, the Ambassador chaired a meeting of the EAC to review the Embassy's security posture prior to the local holiday weekend. The meeting opened with a discussion of the local security situation, which the EAC continued to characterize as stable. Likewise, the EAC noted no/no new threat reporting specific to Oman.

Sustained Vigilance

3. (SBU) Prior to concluding the meeting, RSO reiterated that, despite the relative calm, members of the EAC must continue reinforcing to both their staffs and family members the need for vigilance regarding all aspects of personal security - to include maintaining a low profile and remaining unpredictable. RSO further re-emphasized the importance of immediately reporting all suspicious activity or security-related incidents to Post One.

EAC Conclusion

4. (S/NF) The EAC concluded that there have been no substantive changes in the local security environment since the last meeting held on June 25 (reftel). Accordingly, members agreed that the Embassy's already heightened security posture and FPCON remain appropriate. Embassy Muscat remains acutely aware of the need to monitor both the regional and local security and threat environments, and is prepared to take the necessary countermeasures should changes to either occur. AMB, A/DCM, P/E, MGT, RSO, RMAS, PAO, CONS, CLO, OMC (USDR), ECA (USCENTAF), and Duty Officer participated in the meeting.

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